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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 11, 2003, Applicant elects the species defined by the Examiner as the first embodiment (i.e. Figures 1-2). Applicant submits that claims 1-13, 15-22, and 29-31 read on this species. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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